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1. DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS UTILITY OF GENERAL BK/L COVERING
FUTURE SENAT-GDR TALKS, AND CONCURS WITH WORDING OF DRAFT
BK/L CONTAINED IN REFTEL A WITH EXCEPTION OF REF IN FIRST
SENTENCE TO THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. WE BELIEVE THIS
REF SHOULD BE DELETED FOR REASONS ALREADY EXPLAINED IN
PARA 3, REF D AND BECAUSE WE WISH TO INSURE THAT THE SENAT
KEEPS THE ALLIES INFORMED OF ALL SUBJECTS IT DISCUSSES
WITH THE GDR INCLUDING THOSE WHICH DO NOT FALL UNDER THE
GENERAL SUBJECT OF COMMUNICATIONS. THE DANGER FRG REP
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BLECH NOTED (PARA 3, REFTEL B) SEEMS TO US REAL, AND RE-

INFORCES OUR RELUCTANCE TO PUT ALL FUTURE GDR-SENAT TALKS UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT THEREBY SUGGESTING THAT SPECIFIC ALLIED AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS AND CONSULT WITH US ON A CONTINUING BASIS HAD BECOME SUPERFLUOUS. ACCORDINGLY, DEPARTMENT WOULD SUGGEST THAT FIRST SENTENCE OF BK/L READ SIMPLY: QUOTE: THE ALLIED KOMMANDATURA RECOGNIZES THAT IT COULD BE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE RESIDENTS OF BERLIN TO FACILITATE THE SOLUTIONS OF PRACTICAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS OF A PURELY LOCAL CHARACTER BY APPROPRIATE TECH-

NICAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE AUTHORITIES, SERVICES OR ORGANIZATIONS LOCATED RESPECTIVELY IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN AND THE SOVIET SECTORS. END QUOTE.

2. CONCERNING THE SPECIFIC ISSUE OF WATER CONSERVATION TALKS, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD IN THE ABSTRACT PREFER THESE BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THE GDR. IF, HOWEVER, THE SENAT AND THE FRG ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT IT IS THE SENAT WHICH SHOULD PURSUE THIS MATTER WITH THE GDR, THE DEPARTMENT CAN AGREE TO THE DRAFT SENAT LETTER TO THE GDR CONTAINED IN REFTEL E, IF THE REFERENCE TO THE QUADRI-PARTITE AGREEMENT COMMUNICATIONS PROVISIONS ARE OMITTED. WE ALSO AGREE THAT IF POSSIBLE THE TERM "GRENZGEWAESSER" (REF E, PARA 2) SHOULD BE AVOIDED. RUSH

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